Kuala Lumpur has *inter-alia* urged the International Labour Organization to review its supervisory mechanism with regard to the issues like criteria for selection of members of the supervisory body, process for selection of individual cases in the Committee of Experts on the application of Standards and interpretation of compliance with ratified convention;

(b) what are the other conclusions of this conference; and

(c) Government reaction thereto?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF LABOUR (SHRI MUNI LALL): (a) to (c) The 15th ASEAN (not Asian) Labour Ministers' Meeting held in Kuala Lumpur on 10-11 May, 2001 supported the call by the Asia and Pacific Group (of which India is a member) for a review of the ILO supervisory mechanisms, particularly regarding transparency and objectivity of the criteria for selection of members of supervisory bodies, selection of individual cases in Committee of Experts on Application of Standards, and the Interpretation of Compliance with ratified conventions. The other issues discussed by the meeting included impact of the global economic slowdown in ASEAN countries, East Asia Cooperation, the proposed Philippines initiatives on common recognition of professions in ASEAN etc.

Welfare Schemes for Beedi Workers

†2674. SHRIMATI KUM KUM RAI: Will the Minister of LABOUR be pleased to state:

(a) the Welfare Schemes in operation for the Welfare of Beedi Workers in the country;

(b) the State-wise amount incurred on these schemes during the year 2000;

(c) whether Beedi Workers of all districts of Bihar including Muzaffarpur district have been provided with the said benefits; and

(d) if so, the financial years in which the said benefits have been provided, if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF LABOUR (SHRI MUNI LALL): (a) A list of the Welfare Scheme being implemented by the Government for the benefit of the beedi workers and their dependants is attached at Statement-I (*See* below).

(b) A statement showing the region-wise expenditure incurred on above schemes during the year 2000-2001 is attached at Statement-II. *(See* below)

(c) and (d) The scheme are available for the workers of Bihar including workers of Muzaffarpur district. In the State of Bihar, during the year 2000-2001, following expenditure was incurred on various schemes:

Health Care:	Rs. 2,34,83,200/-
Education:	Rs. 11,46,600/-
Recreation:	Rs. 3,25.867/-

†Original notice of the Question was received in Hindi.

Statement-I

List of Welfare Schemes for Beedi Workers

A. *HEALTH:*

1. Static-cum-Mobile / Static Allopathic and Static Ayurvedic Dispensaries.
2. Scheme for Reservation of Beds in T.B. Hospitals.
3. Scheme for Domiciliary Treatment of beedi workers suffering from T.B.
4. Scheme for Treatment of Beedi Workers suffering from Cancer.
5. Scheme for Treatment of Beedi Workers suffering from Mental Diseases.
6. Scheme for Treatment of Beedi Workers (including Gharkhata Workers) suffering from Leprosy.
7. Grant of Financial Assistance to Beedi Workers for purchase of Spectacles.
8. Maternity Benefit Scheme for Female Beedi Workers.
9. Scheme for payment of Monetary Compensation for Sterlisation to Beedi Workers.
10. Re-imbursement of expenditure as financial assistance to Beedi Workers in respect of Heart Diseases.
11. Re-imbursement of expenditure as financial assistance to Beedi Workers in respect of Kidney Transplantation.

B. *SOCIAL SECURITY:*

1. Group Insurance Scheme.

C. *HOUSING:*

1. Integrated Housing Scheme.
2. Grant of subsidy to Co-operative Societies of Beedi Industry for construction of worksheds and godowns.

D. *EDUCATION:*

1. Award of Scholarship to the Children of Beedi Workers (including Gharkhata Beedi Workers).
2. Composite Scheme for Financial Assistance to the School going children of Beedi Workers for supply of one set of dress, slates, note books and text books.
3. Payment of incentives on passing final University / Board examinations from High School onwards.
4. Scheme to provide incentive / financial assistance of Re. 2/- to female children of Beedi Workers, on the basis of atteendance in schools.

E. *RECREATION:*

1. Establishment of Audio-Visual Sets / Cinema Vans / Exhibition of films.
2. Organising sports, games, social and cultural activities for Beedi Workers.
3. Holiday Home Scheme for Beedi Workers.
4. Supply of T.V. Sets to the Beedi Workers Industrial Co-operative Socities.
5. Establishment of Community Hall in Beedi Workers Housing Colony with colour T.V. Set.

Statement-II

Region-wise Expenditure incurred under Beedi Workers Welfare Funds during the year 2000-2001

(Figures in thousands)

Sub-heads	Allahabad (U.P.)	Bangalore (Karnataka & Kerala)	Bhilwara (Raj., Guj.)	BBSR (Orissa)	Hyderabad (AP,TN)	Jabalpur (MP, Chattisgarh)	Karma (Bihar & Jharkhand)	Kolkata (WB, NE States)	Nagpur (Maharash-tra & Goa)	Total
Health	17088	39114	9970	18374	35810	21466	27096	29126	15436	213480
Education	4278	31788	7156	15786	91054	8973	1323	17422	20434	198214
Recreation	0	100	428	750	837	40	376	106	25	2662
Housing	873	5067	3	35008	20160	14	0	1471	17848	80444
TOTAL	22239	76069	17557	69918	147861	30493	28795	48125	53743	494800